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SPECIAL WAR NOTES

SERGEANT HORACE W. BIVINS OF THE TENTH UNITED STATES CAVALRY·

A KEEN OBSERVER OF MEN AND

Deeds—His Life in a Nut-Shell—A Great Marksman—Demonstrates His Ability as One of the Best Shots in the Army.

NOTE:—The series of articles furnished under the head: "Special War Notes," of which the following is the third were written especially for The Freeman, and will contain brief sketches of the black heroes who took such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1898.

A distinguished member of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry—a character worthy of the emulation of every young man of the Negro race, is Sergeant Horace W. Bivens. His career is one of romantic merit and great interest. He was born in Virginia May 9, 1862 and spent the first sixteen years of his life on his father's farm depending on a night school conducted six miles from his home, to which he went with clock-work regularity five nights in each week for his education. At the age of 17 he entered Hampton Institute as a work student: he remained in this institution but one year. After leaving Hampton he entered Wayland

SERGEANT HORACE W. BIVINS.

Seminary then located at Washington, D. C., and after six months in this school he enlisted in the United States Army. He joined the Tenth Cavalry June 19, 1888 and was immediately signed to a position as clerk in the adjutant's office.

The first record made by Mr. Bivins as a marksman was made in 1889 when he demonstrated his skill as one of the best shots in the Army. He was promoted to Corporal December, 15th, '91 and during that year he gained a standing as a sharp-shooter. He has won a great many prizes with the rifle, and he is properly regarded as a sure shot every time. He has been offered $75 per week to travel with Buffalo Bills Wild West show. He performs the wonderful feat of letting a bird fly from each hand then taking up a rifle in each hand killing them both in the order that they were given their freedom. He very rarely misses the "Bulls eye." Sergeant Bivins won first prize in the regimental reunion held at Fort Custer, Montana, in October, 1892. He yielded to the charm which attaches to army life and so when his term of enlistment expired in 1892, he enlisted the second time. In August 1893 he won the first revolver silver medal for the best shot with the revolver. In 1894 he won the first gold medal with a score of 590 out of a possible 800 points, and three days later he distinguished himself by making the highest score with a revolver on competition that has ever been made in the army. He was then sent to the Department of Dakota to participate in the Army competition. There he met the finest marksmen in the United States Army; and here it was that he won, with ease, the first gold medal which entitled him to the first rank in marksmanship and the best shot in the army at the time. It was the record made in the memorable competition that caused Lieutenant M. H. Barnum to write saying: "In the year of 1894 Sergeant Horace W. Bivens distinguished himself as the best rifle shot in the whole army and as one of the best pistol shots."

Sergeant Bivins was transferred to the "Distinguished Marksmen's Class" and was presented with the badge worn only by members of that class, which badge bars him from every department competition except the one above mentioned.

Sergeant Bivins desires to enlarge his fund of information and to better fit himself for the sterner duties of life never abated while in the army. In 1897 when he was honorably discharged he again reenlisted. He was granted a four months furlough with permission to apply for an extension of four to eight months longer for the purpose of attending school again. He entered Hampton Institute December 3, 1897 and remained in school until the war clouds began to darken the Nation's sky. He left school, quickly responded to the call af "Boots and saddle" turned in his furlough. rejoined his regiment and proceeded with it to Cuba, where he shared with the other black heroes in gaining the wreath of unfading glory which the world gladly placed on the bronzed brows of the gallant Tenth United States Cavalry.

Sergeant Bivins is a sober, sensible, industrious Negro who, in his daily life evinces that kind of race pride that is beautifully commendable and who would have all men thoroughly convinced that the Negro can learn, if given the opportunity, all the arts and cunning performed by any race of men.

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News Notes.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

A very novel and interesting entertainment was given at Fifth Ward Baptist church under the auspices of Rev. W. H. C. Stokes and Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of Wesley's Chapel, A. M. E. church. The affair was one of honor to the Boyd Rifles who joined as volunteers in the brave 24 Infantry. The band under the leadership of Mr. J. P. Steele volunteered their services by marching tne boys from Steele and White's barber shop at 7:30 p. m. through the principle streets to Fifth Ward church where a large audience awaited the "boys in blue." Mr. Robt. Outlaw, a Corporal of the company has been detained in service and was not present. An exellent program was rendered assisted by the city's leading talent. Rev. Porter of St. Peter's A. M. E. church has recovered from a long spell of LaGrippe. Mr. Benny Hudson, the bugler of his company in the gallant twenty-fourth has returned home after spending several days with his relatives in St. Louis, Mo. and Louisville, Ky. Mr. Stepheny Norwether is improving slowly. "Uncle Abraham" a venerable old city character expired at his home during the recent cold weather. Mr. Watler Grant has resigned the grocery business. Mrs. Bell Ayers is visiting friends in Woodford, Tenn. Mrs. J. P. Steele is on the sick list. Mr. Joe Tomkins was a subject of the cold spell. Red Cobb had to have his ears lanced as a result of a frost bite. Mrs. John Nott is very seriously ill. Mr. Ernest Buck is seriously ill at his home in New-Providence, Tenn. Mr. Otterway Rogers is on the sick list. Messrs. Charlie W. Stewart, Gentry Freeman and Ed. Black of the Boyd Rifles will return to Fort Russel Wyoming to rejoin the 24th Infantry where Mr. Stewart will take an active part in the band. Misses Clara Hawkin's formerly of Texas and Bruetta Metcalf of this city are doing well at Fisk University. Mr. Wm. Carey has met with a misfortune in St. Louis, Mo. of which his friends regret to hear. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hester of South Clarksville have given their daughter Sallie in marriage to Mr. Knob Steele. Messrs Smith and Dabney our colored Undertakers are doing a nice business. When in the city get the leading journals of the world including the peerless Freeman from W. L. Johnson. For sale at Steele and White's barber shop, S. First st.

HIGH MASONIC BODY

THE FIRST IN THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER ESTABLISHED IN AFRICA

THE ORDER IN A FLOURISHING

Condition—A Large Number of Able and Distinguised men of the Republic of Liberia at its Head.

Monrovia, Liberia, Special.

The Hon. Owen L. W. Smith, 33, the illustrious deputy of the Republic of Liberia and is now United States Minister and Counsul General to the Republic of Liberia, and is recognized to be one of the most brainy men and best posted on international law of any colored man that has represented the American government in any foreign country before. Under the authority and power of the Ill. John G. Jones 33, of Chicago, Ill., the Sov. Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons for the Southern and Western Masonic jurisdiction United States of America, their territories and dependencies and Imperial Grand Potentate of the Imperial Grand Council of Colored Shriners in the United States, established at Monrovia, Liberia, a consistory of the 32nd degree and a Temple of the Mystic Shrine and a Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic rite of Freemasonry. This is the first time in the history of that country that those high Masonic degrees have been conferred and high Masonic bodies established.

The following are the names of some of the distinguished Masons of the Republic of Liberia, that had the degrees conferred upon them. His excellency W. D. Coleman, 33, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Liberia, Africa and President of the Republic of Liberia. Hon. G. W. Gibson, Sr. Secretary of State for the Republic of Liberia, and Hon. Julius C. Stevens, 33, Past Master of St. John's Lodge of Monrovia, Liberia, and attorney general of the Republic of Liberia. Rev. Samuel D. Ferguson, D. D., 33, Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmus, and adjacent parishes of the Episcopal church for Liberia. Hon. H. W. Travers, 33, Past Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Liberia and the worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge of Monrovia Liberia, and Judge of the quarterly sessions for Mountsumado County of Liberia. Hon. C. T. O. King, 33, Grand Master of the Grand lodge of Liberia, Judge of the Monthly court for Mountsumado County, Liberia, and Vice Counsul for the Venueselan Government. Alfred B. King, 33, deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Liberia, ex-commissioner for the Republic of Liberia at the Columbian World's Fair at Chicago, in 1893 and Senator for Mountsumado County, Liberia; Hon. E. C. Johnson, 33, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Liberia and Chief Clerk in the post office department for the Republic of Liberia; Hon. James Robert Spurgeon, 33 Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Grand General issamo of the Grand Commader of Knight Templars of Indiana and Kentucky and Secretary of the American Legation of the United States at Monrovia, Liberia: Hon. Louis R. Johnson, 33, Worshipful Master of Oriental Lodge, Liberia, Africa; Hon. B. Y. Payne, 32, Vice Counsul of the United States at Monrovia, Liberia; Rev. Dr. B. K. McKeever, 33, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Liberia and one among the most eminent divines in the Republic of Liberia and a large number of other distinguished Masons. The order starts out in the most flourishing condition with a large number of the most able and distinguished men of the Republic of Liberia at its head.

News Notes.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

Bob Winn who was hit by Charley Wells is fast recovering up to this writing; Wells has not been apprehended. A. J. Mayfield who has been a teamster in and about town for several years, died on the 14th. Will Chambers and John Trinble are among the sick. Dr. E. G. Overby and Mrs. E. B. Wells closed their respective schools at McConnell until the bad weather was over. W. B. Martin has returned from Paducah. Prof. H. Dailey has just finished a successful term of school at Terrell, Tenn. The cold weather should not cause us to lay down an enterprise like The Freeman as some few have done. It is the newsiest paper now published. Little Willie Buchanan is very sick. The people of Union City have decided to organize a Freeman club which will bring the paper to them cheaper and add greatly to the already long list of subscribers. Go to H. D. Wells for particulars. Mr. R. G. Light has fully recovered and is now with N. C. McDavis on Main street. Mrs. Frankie Carman, living two miles north of town, died on the 15th. What about the Freeman club? It will be the grandest thing ever organized in the city.

News Letter.

Cleveland, O., Special.

Private Chas. Hall of Co. I., 24th, U. S. Infantry, is in the city on a four month's furlough. His company is stationed at Ft. Russel Wyoming. Mr. Hall has been in the service of Uncle Sam, both army and navy, for 16 years, and was with his regiment when it made a glorious record in the thickest of the battle on San Juan hill. When war was declared he enlisted in this city and went alone to Tampa, Fla., and was transported to Cuba. Where he joined his old regiment 2 days before the battle of San Juan. Mr. Hall's native home is Cincinnati, O., but as all of his near relatives are dead he expects to spend his life in the army until retired. Mrs. Ferguson has preached her last sermon at St. John's until she returns to this city again. She has gone to Wilberforce to resume her studies. The revivals are stills doing good work. Mr. Jos. Oliver the exhorter, is still making his rounds begging sinners to forsake their old ways and come to Jesus. John White has resumed his duties as head waiter at the American hotel. Capt Jas. Rhodes or-organizer of Company D. O. V. I., says Don't fail to bring me a Freeman every Saturday, The Freeman is the best of all. Miss Ardella Mitchell of Ann Arbor, Mich,, after so-journing in Pittsburgh, Pa., for six months is visiting her two sisters in this city. She expects to reside here permanently. John Brady, white, of 419 St. Clair street is a subscriber and John Greive, the furniture man is an ardent reader. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hill of Erie street are also close readers of The Freeman. Space will not permit us to name all readers of The Freeman, but we will endeavor to mention the names of all yearly subscrsbers. Miss Mary Brady and John Taylor were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at 56 Scovil street on the 16th inst. Quite a number of friends were present and many showed their friendship for the young couple in a substantial form. Mrs. Mary Davis of 18 Academy gave a surprise party last Thursday night in honor of her sister Helen Blair's birthday. Miss Blair who is still a student in the Rockwell street school is only 16 years of age. Judging from her many admirers who participated any one could have easily guessed that she was just sweet sixteen. Copies of The Freeman can be secured at 452 Erie street or from the agent. The best plan is to subscribe and The Freeman will be delivered at your door ere the sun has reached the centre of the sky. Frank Clark glassman of the Hollendey hotel was arrested last Saturday night, charged with misappropriating linen and silver belonging to the hotel. He is a married man about 30 years of age. The Freeman gives the news, buy it once and you will not do without it afterwards. The agent will be around next week, looking for yearly subscriptions. Subscribe now, in due season

COLORED SOLDIERS

IN CUBA—A MEMBER OF THE 8TH ILLINOIS REGIMENT WRITES

A GENERAL DISCRIPTION THE

Products—The Inhabitants—Race Prejudice—Officers—Colored Soldiers in Camp at Santiago Provience.

San Luis de Cuba, Special.

Thinking that perhaps you would deign to print the letter of an enlisted man, I will give you a little sketch of my opinion of Cuba, and few words in regard to the progress of the 8th Illinois infantry volunteers.

CUBA—The part of Cuba in which we camp, is Santiago Province. In natural scenery, I do not think that it can be excelled; the mountains covered with evergreen foliage, rise higher and higher in the distance, the majestic palm trees dot the rolling low lands, and wave gracefully to and fro in the soft atmosphere of the tropics, and ever and anon appears the low palm-thatched house, that speaks of primitiveness; however 'tis quaint and picturesque. Another feature of the landscape is the block-houses, occupied in the late war by the Spanish soldiers, the block-houses are located at every high point.

COL. MARSHALL.

The most valuable products of the soil are coffee and sugar-cane, bananas, oranges and lemons; there is also a fruit raised here, identical in appearance with the bananas but instead of eating them raw, they fry them; they are called platanos, and are the Cubans favorite dish. Another fruit from which they make jelly is the "guajava;" also the Cubans are fond of a mixture of beans and rice which is called "frigole."

The manufactured products are few, sugar, molasses, cigars, rum, charcoal and roofing-tile. As far as the mineral products, I don't know of any but they claim that farther back in the mountains there is iron, copper, zinc and even gold. The mountains contain plenty of deers, and hunting wild guineas and fishing are the principal sports. Largest snakes and chameleons abound.

The inhabitants are divided into three classes, white, mulatto and black, and race prejudice exists to as great an extent here as in America, on the social side, but, as far as business interests are concerned, every one has an equal break. But to make any headway in gaining wealth, in Cuba at present, one must have considerable capital, as far as earning money by manual labor that is out of the question, unless you are working for the U. S. government, because the natives work at wages that would starve an American to death. The women of Cuba are, taken on the average, pretty, possessing beautiful hair, eyes and teeth, and some of them are very entertaining when you understand the language.

The 8th Illinois volunteer infantry is considered to be the best regiment in the province, and the favorites of the brigade commander, General Ewens. They have now been ordered to return to the states to be mustered out; this will close their successful stay of seven months. Col. Marshall, is a perfect gentleman, and an officer that commands the respects of every one. The Lieutenant-col. Johnson is considered one of th best lieutenant-colonels in the province Major Jackson is a clever commander Major Denison is president of the boar of claims in Santiago.

The soldiers have behaved themselves in a soldierly manner and have done nothing to disgrace the regiment, paying all the respects to their superior officers that is due them. So they will in a few days return triumphant to the states proving, that colored men are able to command, and burying forever the theory that colored soldiers under colored officers are a failure.

Your humble servant,

SERG'T. W. W CROCKETT,

Co., K. 8th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, San Luis de Cuba.

News Letter.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

On Saturday Feb. 18th. at 8 p. m., the marriage of Miss Addie Barnett of this city and Richard Garner of Evansville, Ind., was solemnized at the home of the brides mother, Mrs. Fannie Barnett on Madison street. Mrs Phoebe Floyd died Feb. 15th, of old age. Eugene Barnett of Cincinnati is visiting his mother Mrs. Minnie Barnett on Holloway street. Mrs. Rosa Alves, entertained at dinner Feb. 12, in honor of Wm. Alves and wife, Miss Sadie Brown left Feb. 15th, for Chicago where she will reside. On the sick list Mesdames Henrietta Taylor, Louisa Bibbs, Phyllis Brooks, Shelton Harvey and son Ben Harvey. Births, Feb. 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Irvin, a girl. Feb. 15th to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Alexander Jr. a girl. Little Lucile Kennedy is ill with whooping cough. The Klondyke orchestra gave a very enjoyable hop Feb. 14, at Dixon's Rink. Wm. B. Taylor was manager of the affair. Mrs. R. H. C. Mitchell was called to her home in Lancaster, Ky. to attend the bedside of her father who is seriously ill. Mrs. Matilda Posey, of Corydon, visited Mrs. Mattie B. Short, Saturday and Sunday. We are sorry to say that Mrs. Short is not improving. Bishop Dudley confirmed a class of six candidates at the confirmation services held at St. Clements Episcopal Mission Feb. 19. Mrs. Mary Lyons aged 77 years was frozen to death Feb. 19. She was somewhat demented. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Sandy White died recently with menigitis. Robert Cabell was called to his door and shot down in cold blood at one o'clock Saturday morning at his home on Main street between Eleventh and Twelth streets. The shot that ended his life was fired by Albert Smith.

Personal Mention.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Frank Southern, city bill poster is now stage manager for the George Opera House, Mrs. Alice McCalley is improving. John Stokley died on the 17th. Mrs. Hamilton, C. J. Trumbanks and Mrs. Cleary Light are on the sick list.

News Notes.

Youngstown, O., Special.

Mr. George Day formerly of Chicago has taken the agency of The Freeman and expects great prospects. Harry Hawkins formerly of Indianapolis is playing the flute with Prof. Gilmore's orchestra. His two children are sick. The True Performers will give an entertainment in the near future. Chas. Berry is still playing cornet with the Tod Post Band (white.) Mrs. Summers is convalescent. Mr. Lightfoot visited Charlottsville, Va., during the holidays. The A. M. E. church gave a valentine social Feb. 14, which was a success. Prof. Gilmore has organized a Banjo Glee Club composed of his scholars. Mrs. Summers has organized a sewing circle for the Old Folk's Home at Richmond, Va., with the following officers: Mrs. Summers, president; Mrs. Whitlow, vice president; Mrs. Henson, secretary; Miss Franklin, assistant secretary, Mrs. Hick, treasurer; Mrs. Washington, chaplain. Rev. white preached at Warren. O., Feb. 11.

B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

Receipt for a "National Convention" call. Take twelve Afro-Americans of more (or sometimes less) distinction than the average man of color:

One man of wealth,
Four ex-statesmen,
Two "fresh" editors, and
Five ministers.

First "skin" the man of wealth, and lay him aside. Then take your ex-statesmen and stuff them with "self-importance, bigoty and egotism." Take your ministers and cover them with coats of "flattery and honey words," then take your "fresh" editors pour cold water upon them to kill the know-it-all-ness in their make up. Having thus prepared the lot, tie them to-gether with cheap notoriety, or self-aggrandizement, and remove them to Washington D. C., New York or Boston, then prinkle them with a long-felt-want, wrongs-to-be-redressed and future-well-fare-of-our-race. Throw the homologous mass into the Negro Press, being careful to add a few colossal words. After passing throught the public press several times, the national call should be placed over the fire of personal interest, and kept hot until the convention meets. Serve with sauce made of one part spicy rhetoric, and nine parts illogical propositions.

Again we must ask about Mr. Augustus M. Hodges. We did not see where he was in the recent drama played at Washington, D. C., entitled, "Storming the White House." We are sure of one thing, wherever this illustrious scribe of The Freeman Round Table is, he is thinking and if he is thinking, something is bound to drop. B. Square's absence from the columns of this paper leaves a vacant spot on The Freeman play ground large enough for a "wrestle of the gods."—DR. M. A. MAJORS

Ah! Thanks, Doc. That is to say we are thankful to be remembered by you also thankful for the compliment but why did you not put it on thicker. We could have stood it, besdes to be truthful, from the letters we have received from the readers of The Freeman since our last Bluster struck cold type, we thimk we merit it. Next time Doc give it to us stronger.

As to the convention or to use Dr. Major's well fitted expressions "Storming the White House" we were not in the storm. The President has hardly lost much sleep since the storming we don't think.

Speaking of the President, I carefully read his message but failed to see any mention of the outrages commited upon the colored people of the south, no mention of the Wilmington riot. The brother in black was not in it.

Speaking of my absence from the columns of The Freeman, let me say that some embryo quill-driver must be robbing The Freeman's mail bag, as since my last Bluster was published I have sent three articles to The Freeman! Look in the scrap basket Bro. Majors, for them.

By-the-way, will the gentlemen in Berkley, Va., who wrote to me about the I. S. D. C. kindly write again, as his letter has been lost?

Again, by-the-way, dear reader, have you seen the colored preacher? It is a bright monthly magazine, published by the Rev. Dr. I. E. Lowery and his bright gifted son, Warren Scott Lowery of Spartanburg, S. C. It is the only up-to-date Negro magazine in the U. S. you should be one of its paid readers. Write at once to my young friend Warren and he will send you a sample copy. You will find the pennings of Dr. Majors, Edward Elmore Brock, B. Square and other members of The Freeman's Round Table in the pulpit of the Colored preacher, and if I do say it myself you should read the sermons by a layman.

"Let dogs delight to bark and bite
For God has made them so,
And politicians growl and fight
It is there nature too;
But editors should never let
Their angry passions rise,
Their mighty pens were never made,
To scratch each other

B. SQUARE.

Institute Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.

The Tuskegee Negro conference session held Feb. 22, 1899, was the largest in point of attendance, of all the former gatherings. A large number of Northern educators and philanthropists will be present; also, representative farmers from all sections of the South. Mrs. Booker T. Washington has just returned from a trip North where she has been of great help to Principal Washington in his efforts to raise temporary guaranteed endowment of $25,000 for two years, so that he may give more time to active management of the school's affairs. The success in this connection has been very gratifying. Mr. W. A. Hunton, national secretary of the Y. M. C. A. among colored people of America has been visiting Tuskegee the past week. He lectured once to the entire school, and several times to the officers and members of the local association. His visit has been of the greatest help and inspiration.

News of Interest.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.

Miss Maggie Jackson who was called to the bedside of her sick brother at Robinson, Ill., has returned after burying her brother and resumed her duties at the union station. Mr. Grant Brone was called to Chicago to the bedside of his sister who is suffering intensely with rheumatism, returned with her and has her at his father's residence. She has improved some since she has reached Terre Haute. Mrs. Dr. Cabell is numbered with the sick but we eagerly hope her speedy recovery. Watch for the program of the grand musical concert to be given March 2 at Fourteenth and Oak streets. Saturday night near the hour of 12, one of our leading barbers of the city was blending homeward after finishing his duties at his shop on Ohio street, and accidentally fell under an East Main street car and his leg was crushed into a splinter. He was carried to his residence 30 S. Seventeenth street where a surgeon was summoned and it being necessary for amputation of the injured limb, he was taken to the hospital where the operation might be performed. The shock of the crushing of the limb and the amputation was too great for the human body and he succumbed to the chilly pains of death Sunday evening, Feb. 12, after a brief suffering of 24 hours. Mr. James Monroe leaves a wife and two children accompanied by a host of friends to mourn his loss. The interrment was entered at Highland Lawn cemetery. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord." Sunday is quarterly meeting at Allen Chapel. The churches are in a prosperous condition and the Sunday-schools are having large attendance under the new faculty.

Why is Mr. John Rucker an Alabama Blossom? Because he opens every night

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The new woman is old at twenty-five while the old woman is never old if she ever knew her age.

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A printer is a typo, a warrior is a hero, a knave is a tyro, a maffa is a dago, and a tramp is a hobo. Buts that nothing, a Hebrew can be a sheno as well as a jew can be a she-ny.

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A man can lie just as well sitting as standing, but he doesn't lie as much as he ought for his health. Some men never lie—they sleep standing up.

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Johny sings—
"The moonlights fair to-night along the Wabash
From the fields there comes the breath of new mown hay.
(While in the next breath he says,)
From the Sycamore I must cut some switches
For my father has a little debt to pay."

In the next breath Johny is heard saying his evening prayer.—You know the rest.

Longville, Tex., Jan. 27, 1899.

Mr. Geo. Knox,

Editor The Freeman, Dear Sir:—Here I am with my subscription dues for The Freeman. I'm now near seventy one years of age, have reached my three score years and ten, but I am lonesome without The Freeman, I believe The Freeman should be in every colored house in the world. You still have my hearty support for The Freeman.

I am yours truly,
WM. SWANCEY.

We are looking to you agents, to tel the people of your sections about our increasing merits. Everybody writes of the good times, no one now has anything to say about hard times in renewing or subscribing for The Freeman. Times now should be smooth with you.

SUNDAY IN ENGLAND IN 1760.

The Pleasure Seekers Were More Numerous Than Churchgoers.

Would you like to know how the people of London observed their Sunday 150 years ago? The churches were open, of course, and there were two services in every one, and in some there were three; also the responsible and respectable citizen took his family to church, as a matter of course.

He made his apprentices go to church as well and demanded the text when they came home as a proof of attendance. Alas, he little knew that the boys were larking all the morning, and when the congregation came out stopped the old women and got the text from them!

However, those who went elsewhere formed the majority. The fields round the town were filled with companies of men, called rural societies, who rambled about all the morning and dined together at a tavern. The high constables went their rounds among the villages pretending to prevent profanation of the day, but they were squared by the publicans.

Informers were about threatening publicans, barbers and greengrocers for carrying on trade on the Sunday morning unless they paid a little blackmail. A shilling was understood to meet the case. Barbers sent their apprentices on Sunday morning to shave the prisoners in the Fleet for nothing, so that they might get practice.

Children were baptized after afternoon service, and a supper was given afterward to celebrate the occasion. At this supper the nurse, it was allowed, could blamelessly get drunk.

The beadles of churches were bribed by beggars to let them sit on the steps and ask charity of the congregation coming out. It was the best business of the week. The rails before the houses of gentlemen were crowded with beggars.

When the ladies got home after church, they did not disdain to slap their servant if dinner was delayed. The fields between the Tottenham court road and the Foundling hospital were the resort of the sporting fraternity, who were assembled to enjoy the innocent diversions of duck hunting and cat hunting, with prizefighting, quarterstaff, wrestling and other sports.

The pleasure gardens were open all day long. People crowded to them in the early morning for breakfast and staid all day. At 2 there was an ordinary, in the afternoon and evening an organ recital; there was tea in the alcoves, and in the evening there was supper.

In the evening, when they reluctantly came away, with as much punch as they could hold, they formed themselves into bands for purposes of protection, while the footpads looked out on the road for single passengers, or, haply, drunken passengers, whom it was easy and a pleasure to rob.

And this was the way of a Sunday in June or July, 1760.—London Queen.

JAMES COULDN'T IMAGINE.

A Story That a New York Clubwoman Tells About Herself.

Here is a good story which a clubwoman tells about herself.

"At one time," she says, "we had a colored butler who staid with us for years, and who admired my husband immensely. He thought that Dr. H. was a marvel of manly beauty, as well as the embodiment of all the virtues, domestic, professional and otherwise. Of course I quite agreed with the butler on this point, but the fact is I sometimes pined to have him pass his enthusiastic compliments around to the family and not bestow them all on the doctor. So one morning, when Dr. H. had just left the breakfast table and was even then to be seen, an imposing picture, as he stood on the front steps drawing on his gloves, I remarked to James:

"'Dr. H. is a handsome man, isn't he?'

"'Yes, ma'am. 'Deed an he is, ma'am!' with gratifying enthusiasm.

"Then, hoping to get a rise from James, I added with an absentminded air, as if I scarcely knew what I said, but was just uttering my inmost thoughts:

"'How in the world do you suppose that such a handsome man as Dr. H. ever happened to marry such a homely woman as I am?'

"Well, James just stopped short and rolled his eyes and shook his head as if he gave it up. Then he ejaculated:

"'Heaven knows, ma'am!'"—New York Sun.

Light From Sugar.

A phenomenon, the cause of which has not yet been satisfactorily explained, was described at a meeting of the British association. Disks of loaf sugar were mounted on a lathe and rapidly rotated while a hammer played lightly against them. An almost continuous radiation of light was thus produced from the sugar. It was shown that the light did not arise from heating of the sugar, and it is believed to be caused by some change taking place in the sugar crystals. The act of crystallization is known to be sometimes accompanied by flashes of light. The practical bearing of these experiments is on the question of the possibility of obtaining artificial light by methods as yet untried.—Youth's Companion.

A Poser.

Mrs. Jibbins (after gazing on a globe in a shop window)—Well, nothing won't persuade me but what the world's flat.

Mrs. Trimmins—Well, Mariar, if the world's flat, 'ow can yer account for 'Averstock hill?—London Punch.

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Watkyns—What did you say to your wife, anyhow, when you proposed?

Bjones—Well—I—er—well—the fact is, Mrs. Bjones was a widow when I married her.—Somerville Journal.

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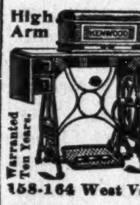

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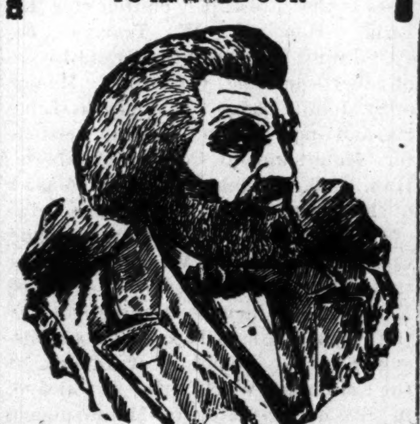

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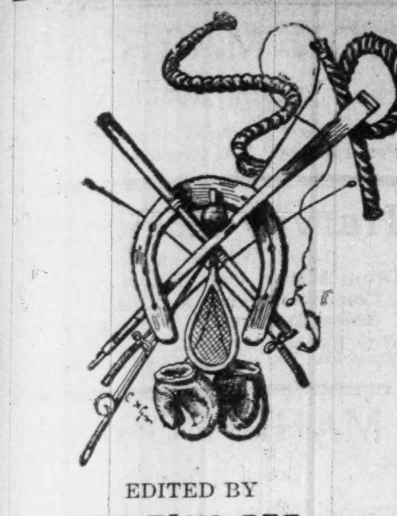

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WALCOTT PUTS RYAN TO SLEEP.

Cincinnati, Feb. 5.—Under the auspices of the Stag A. C. last night, in Robinson's Opera House, Joe Walcott knocked out "Australian" Jimmy Ryan in the fourteenth round of what was to have been a fifteen-round "go." Three thousand persons saw the contest, the greatest crowd at a fistic affair here in years. Before the contest the master of ceremonies said that the Mayor had consented to the fifteen rounds, which were beyond the usual limit, and hoped the spectators would show their appreciation of the Mayor's courtesy by maintaining the strictest order. The announcement was cheered. There were two preliminary bouts, the first being rather a farcical six-round affair between two local colored boxers, and the second a hammer-and-tongs battle between Kid McGraw, a prominent local 120-pound boxer, and Young Ludwig, an amateur. Ludwig had his man nearly out in the tenth round and received the decision.

Tom O'Rourke of New York and Harry Glickauf of Chicago were in Walcott's corner, and Frank Kelly and John Brunner of this city were in Ryan's. The latter was a head taller than Walcott, and much heavier and longer in reach. The tactics followed throughout the fight were: Walcott always advancing from the centre of the ring, stealthily and quietly, and Ryan dancing and skipping all around next to the ropes, fiddling and ducking. Walcott landed almost as he pleased, although Ryan's skilful leg work and ducking saved him much punishment. In the fourteenth round Walcott floored Ryan with a left on the jaw and Ryan just missed being counted out. A moment after he regained his feet Walcott again landed a savage left on the jaw and Ryan was put to sleep. The victor was fresh and showed no punishment. John Murphy of this city was referee.

COULDN'T KNOCK "YOUNG PLUTO" OUT.

The bout advertised to be between "Young Pluto," the Australian featherweight, recently defeated by the incomparable George Dixon and Joe Bernstein of New York, was the cause of drawing to the Greenwood Athletic club of South Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday night, Feb. 3, another large crowd. The stars weighed in at 3 p. m., at 124 pounds, in a New York Turkish bath, both being well under weight.

The men agreed to box one hand free, but to break clean on orders by referee. Bernstein went in with right and left ten seconds after the call of time for the first round. Once Pluto rushed the New Yorker to the ropes and continued to punch in the clinch, and was cautioned.

In the second there was stiff infighting. Pluto's long left held Bernstein at a distance, later, when Joe meant to be dangerous. In the third Bernstein slipped to his knees, but on arising went to work for the body with the right. Pluto was never slow, and returned body punches for body punches, though his were not as hard as the Bernstein blows. It was about the same in the fourth.

In the fifth Bernstein made two terrific rushes, landing two hard rights and a left in the face of Pluto, who was staggered. Bernstein was all over the colored lad, in body and face, in the fifth and sixth, excepting one good right uppercut by Pluto in the sixth. Pluto got in a right soaker under the heart in the seventh. Bernstein forced a rally and cut Pluto's face and ribs with right and left. Pluto came back with right on face, but missed a vicious swing for the heart.

Bernstein's left was in Pluto's face a dozen times in the eighth, and he ducked two bad looking right swings. In the eighth and ninth Bernstein cut into Pluto's face, opening abrasions he made before, and the colored fellow was well marked. Bernstein had a good gash himself under the left eye. Pluto clinched and would not break in the tenth; he was tired. Bernstein got in a stiff one on the body and more clinches. Pluto hit in a questionable way at close quarters and was cautioned.

In the eleventh Bernstein planted left and right on face. Pluto's right touched Bernstein's ribs twice, but the New Yorker's right fists were furious on the body of the colored lad. Pluto twice in the fourteenth landed his right on Bernstein's ribs, after using his elbow in clinches. His blows lacked power, but the colored boy was busy.

The referee was obliged to separate the fighters four times in the fifteenth. In these clinches Pluto was in with the right on the body half a dozen times, but he was weak. Bernstein's right in he face was effective three times, the foreigner becoming apparently rattled and following up his elbow and foul work. In the sixteenth they both fought in clinches and out of them. Pluto made a surprising display considering the punishment he had taken.

In the eighteenth Pluto still tired uppercut Bernstein with a corking left on the heart, but Bernstein was prepared with a left for the face and a clever duck of the head. Bernstein could not put him out. The fight went the limit of twenty rounds, and of course Bernstein got the decision.

THE FUTURE OF "YOUNG PLUTO."

Although "Young Pluto" has succeeded in going before two of the best feather-weights in this country, without success, stili, the impression he has made on the sports is very favorable and in consequence he will be kept busy for some time to come.

His next opponent will be Dave Sullivan, whom he fights a 20-round bout at Providence, R. I., about the middle of March. After that bout he will go to Baltimore, where he boxes Billy Whistler, of Philadelphia for a similar number of rounds at the Eureka Athletic club, of that city, for 50 per cent. of the gross receipts.

GRIFFO-M'WINTERS FIGHT IS OFF.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb.—(Special)—The fight scheduled for Nanticoke next Monday night between "Black" Griffo and Hugh McWinters, will not take place. Sheriff James Harvey went to Nanticoke yesterday and notified the athletic club that he would prohibit the contest. This action was taken at the solicitation of the Christian Endeavor Society at Nanticoke. The fight was stopped in Scranton by the ministers.

DIXON AND PALMER MAY FIGHT.

New York, Feb. 8.—Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's manager, to-day accepted the challenge Pedlar Palmer, of London, issued a few days ago, and cabled that Dixon was prepared to meet him under any conditions. Palmer, in his challenge, says he will fight twenty-five rounds before the National Sporting Club, of London, some time in March, but it is thought likely the match will come off in this city. Dixon will meet Palmer at any weight the Englishman names, but he will be unable to go abroad before next June. If Palmer wants to fight in this country, O'Rourke will sign articles immediately for a battle to take place here next month.

JOE GANS WON ON A FOUL.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Joe Gans of Baltimore won from Billy Ernst of Brooklyn in the tenth round on a foul in the Olympic A. C. here to-night. The fight was scheduled for twenty rounds.

Gans out-boxed and out-fought Ernst in every round, and was applauded continually for his clever work. He repeatedly shook Ernst up with short left jabs in the stomach and body. Ernst rushed and roughed it throughout, but his swings were wild and he could not land a good blow.

The bell saved him in the sixth round and he fouled again and again. After being warned several times by Referee Kelly, he deliberately butted Gans in the face while clinched, and the referee stopped the bout and declared Gans the winner.

Roxey Kanell of Buffalo won from Al Ellsworth of Lockport in five rounds in the preliminary.

JIM WATTS IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Manager Fennessy of the Empire theater has succeeded, after considerable dickering, in securing two of the best middle-weights in the country for a ten-round contest at the Empire theater, Indianapolis, March 6. They are Paddy Purtell, the western champion, and Jim Watts of Louisville. Purtell is one of the best in the middle-weight class. In event of a victory over Watts here he will be matched with Joe Walcott in Tom O'Rourke's Lenox club, New York.

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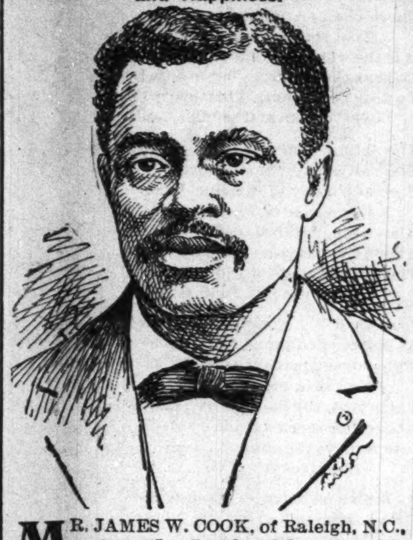

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"THE NIGGER NINTH."

The Freeman takes great pleasure in presenting in this issue the very excellent poem, "The Nigger Ninth" by George E. Powell, of La Crosse, Michigan. The poem should imortalize that Company and prove an heirloom—a legacy rich, to their unborn descendants, to be prized as Napoleon's old guard prized their relation to that hero of a hundred battle fields.

No apology needs be offered for the very suggestive title. It is extremely fitting.

An apolgy however is due to the fact that Mr. Powell is not a Negro. It is too true that he is not and a pity it is that 'tis true.

"The Negro Ninth" will be pronounced the greatest effort called forth by the Spanish-American War and will easily parallel with the best known war poems. Mr. Powell's poem was offered elsewhere. It was refused. He says it deserves better fate. In this he is eminently correct. Its very value was its means of condemnation.

It is scarcely short of a calamity to be forced to admit that other tongues are left to sing our praises better than 'er we dreamed of. Yet there is consolation in the thought; it is that retributive justice—justice long denied that at last finds vent, and bursts forth in a resistless over-flow—the law of compensation—equilibrium restored.

It seems too much, all too sweet to know and to feel that the strangers harp has been so happily attuned—breaking through the breast works of hate, prejudices, oppression and the proud man's contumely—chanting a mass at the bier of the dead and a hymn of triumph to the living.

To have written such a poem in such a time is as a receipt in full for the payment of all obligations due mankind from man. Mr. Powell who ever he is is a strict disciple of Christ and Abraham Lincoln in making the hard lot of lowly mankind less burdensome.

General Wolfe that staunch-Briton of the French and Indian war, when on his way to the heights of Abraham, Quebec, to dislodge Montcalm, was over whelmed by the beauty of Gray's "Elegy Written in a Churchyard." "Gentlemen" says he to his brother officers, "I would rather have written those lines than to take Quebec to-morrow."

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day.
* * *
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Yet this immortal elegy has not wrapped up in it the problems of the civic political, and social life of a people. It seems in all its beauty, but a discourse on the vanity of life—permeated with a strain of forlorn hope.

The poem before us inspires hope, bids the wilting soul look up—a rock in a weary land—a refuge in a storm—indicative of a balm in Gilead.

"The Nigger Ninth" is an invocation to the past an apostrophe to the present and a premonition of the future. It says little of any of them, but breathes full of each of them. Read the poem black men and for the once be proud that you are black!

The poem while extremely martial, breathing of redwinged war, hurtling messages of destruction—"flings far the battle line"—"palled in the dunnest smoke of hell," does not leave the soul all harrowed and scarred by these war like distractions.

To these the mind insensate grows and dreams of the millenium, universal peace when man appreciates man as man is the theme. It is the spiritual upliftment of the poem rather than its heroic measures and rehearsal of exploits that will breathe a blessing.

List Gascons—Neath his finger tis no longer
The camp's shrill fife, it is the forests flute,
Tis the slow whistle of our goat herds
List, Gascons,—tis the vale, the plain, the forest:
The sunbrowned herdsman with his bonnet red.
The Dordogne, with its evenings green and sweet
List Gascons—'tis the whole of Gascony.,'

Holman's Washington Cafe, on the Central Park has been ordered closed by Senor Federico Mora, civil governor of Havana, because of the refusal of the proprietor to serve drinks to a mulatto, the Cuban general Ducassee.

Several friends of Ducasse were seated in the cafe taking refreshments when he hapened to be passing and they called him to join them. Mr. Holman, however, refused to serve him. As the existing Spanish laws prohibit race distinctions Senor Mora, to whom complaint was made, consulted Maj. General Ludlow, Military Governor of the department of Havana, as to the action to be taken. Gen. Ludlow told him to enforce the law and Senor Mora informed Mr. Holman that unless he wrote a letter of apology the cafe would be closed. Mr. Holman declined to write the letter and Senor Mora wrote the closing order. Mr. Holman, who is an American says he will reopen, claiming that he is sustained by the American authorities. It is considered that the controversies will raise the race question.

We are willing to admit that in this country where custom has established certain usages that to deal with a case of this kind is a very delicate matter.

We do not hold any such opinions concerning the new possessions where the customs are different and should be so. This government should nip this little proposed exhibition in the bud and not allow the establishment of a precedent under governmental sanction. We protest against the premeditated rape of the privileges of Negroes in the West Indies.

The National Monument Association of Jacksonville, Fla., has in mind the erection of a monument in commemoration of the "black boys in blue" that fell in Cuba. Washington is the proposed site. The association feels that by appealing to the race-at-large that proceeds by the way popular subscription can be readily secured. The monument is commendable and there is no reason it should not succeed. Washington would be the most appropriate place for such a monument. With the right kind of zeal behind the monument it will be a success. The person associated in the monument should insure its integrity: Officers—Mrs. S. H. Hart, president and treasurer, Jacksonville, Fla.; Judge J. E. Lee, first vice-president, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. J. W. Lyons, second vice-president, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Booker T. Washington, third vice-president, Tuskegee, Ala.; Mrs. A. J. Carey, fourth vice-president, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Paige Speight, secretary, Jacksonville, Fla. Executive Committee—Mrs. S. H. Hart, Judge J. E. Lee, Mrs. J. W. Lyons, Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Rev. J. M. Waldron.

The Royal Legion of Labor is an institution organized to operate generally throughout the country, having headquarters at Springfield, O. It feels that it has a mission to perform in helping to upbuild workingmen and especially colored workingmen. It says:

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The pretentions of the organization are high and ideal and may be practicable.

St. Paul and Minneapolis recently engaged in a debate as to the moral effect of cake walks. The St. Paul people won the debate, contending that it was elevating. In the language of the street they say that the St. Paul people "cleaned up."

THE CHARGE OF THE "NIGGER NINTH"

BY GEORGE E. POWELL.

Hark! O'er the drowsy trooper's dream,
There comes a martial metal's scream,
That startles one and all!
It is the word, to wake, to die!
To hear the foeman's fierce defy!
To fling the column's battle-cry!
The "boots and saddles" call.

The shimmering steel, the glow of morn,
The rally-call of battle-horn,
Proclaim a day of carnage, born
For better or for ill.
Above the pictured tentage white,
Above the weapons glinting bright,
The day god casts a golden light
Across the San Juan Hill.

"Forward!" "Forward!" comes the cry,
As stalwart columns, ambling by,
Stride over graves that, waiting, lie
Undug in mother earth!
Their goal, the flag of fierce Castile
Above her serried ranks of steel,
Insensate to the cannon's peal
That gives the battle birth!

As brawn as black—a fearless foe;
Grave, grim and grand, they onward go,
To conquer or to die!
The rule of right; the march of might;
A dusky host from darker night,
Responsive to the morning light,
To work the martial will!
And o'er the trench and trembling earth,
The morn that gives the battle birth
Is on the San Juan Hill!

Hark! sounds again the bugle-call!
Let ring the rifles over all,
To shriek above the battle-pall
The war-god's jubilee!
Their's, were bondmen, low, and long;
Their's, once weak against the strong;
Their's, to strike and stay the wrong,
That strangers might be free!

And on, and on, for weal or woe,
The tawny faces grimmer go,
That bade no mercy to a foe
That pitties but to kill.
"Close up!" "Close up!" is heard, and said,
And yet the rain of steel and lead
Still leaves a livid trail of red
Upon the San Juan Hill!

"Charge!" "Charge!" The bugle peals again;
'Tis life or death for Roosevelt's men!—
The Mausers make reply!
Aye! speechless are those swarthy sons,
Save for the clamor of the guns—
Their only battle-cry!
The lowly stain upon each face,
The taunt still fresh of prouder race,
But speeds the step that springs a-pace,
To succor or to die!

With rifles hot—to waist-band nude;
The brawn beside the pampered dude;
The cowboy king—one grave—and rude—
To shelter him who falls!
One breast—and bare,—howe'er begot;
The low, the high—one common lot:
The world's distinctions all forgot
When Freedom's bugle calls!

No faltering step, no fitful start;
None seeking less than all his part;
One watchward springing from each heart,—
Yet on, and onward still!
The sullen sound of tramp and tread;
Abe Lincoln's flag still overhead;
They followed where the angels led
The way, up San Juan Hill!

And where the life stream ebbs and flows,
And stains the track of trenchant blows
That met no meaner steel,
The bated breath—the battle yell—
The turf in slippery crimson, tell
Where Castile's proudest colors fell
With wounds that never heal!

Where every trooper found a wreath
Of glory for his sabre sheath;
And earned the laurels well;
With feet to field and face to foe,
In lines of battle lying low,
The sable soldiers fell!

And where the black and brawny breast
Gave up its all—life's richest, best,
To find the tomb's eternal rest
A dream of freedom still!
A groundless creed was swept away,
With brand of "coward"—a time-worn say—
And he blazed the path a better way
Up the side of San Juan Hill!
For black or white, on the scroll of fame,
The blood of the hero dyes the same;
And ever, ever will!
* * * * * * * * *
Sleep, trooper, sleep; thy sable brow,
Amid the living laurel now,
Is wound in wreaths of fame!
Nor need the graven granite stone,
To tell of garlands all thine own—
To hold a soldier's name!

[In the city of New Orleans, in 1866, two thousand two hundred and sixty-six ex-slaves were recruited for the service. None but the largest and blackest Negroes were accepted. From there were formed the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry, and the Ninth and Tenth cavalry. All four are famous fighting regiments, yet the two cavalry commands have earned the proudest distinction. While the record of the Ninth cavalry, better known as the "Nigger Ninth," in its thirty-two years of service in the Indian wars, in the military history of the border, stands without a peer; and is, without exception, the most famous fighting regiment in the United States service.]—AUTHOR.

Mr. Elwood Knox, manager of The Freeman had the pleasure of receiving an invitation to the Minuet Club banquet of Springfield, O., in honor of the Ninth Battalion.

The Indianapolis World our esteemed contemporary promises to help The Freeman to give brother Dillard a good time when he lands on this spot.

In racial affairs we are now in the Zone of calms. Everyone is on the tiptoe of expectancy. What next?

O. Clarence Coleman of Boston in a letter to The Freeman says that plans are being arranged in that city whereby a fund of $25,000 is to be raised, with which to endow Booker T. Washington's famous school. He says that Rev. Geo. A. Gordon, Charles F. Dole and Mr. Silas Dizer are the trustees of the fund. The object is to relieve Mr. Washington of the laborious task of raising means to support the school, thus enabling him to give more attention to the school proper. The sum if it is to be raised by colored people, of course must be considered large. Yet it is not too large if there is a general effort in that direction. These schools are not self-supporting which of course is not the exception, but the rule. It is to be hoped their philanthropic endeavor will be fully realized.

We are indebted to W. C. L. Scruggs for clippings from various Texas white dailies bearing on the Tenth Cavalry episode and other incidents touching the race question. We note that white caps are still posting notices for Negroes to quit without any apparent reason other than they are Negroes.

The Freeman is under obligations to Mr. John B. Conner, Chief of the Indiana Bureau of Statistics for a volume of its annual reports. It is the largest ever issued. It is filled with information of the states resources and concerning its many institutions.

Mr. J. W. Scott of the Douglass High School, Huntington, W. Va. will present a very able paper in the next issue of the Freeman. It will deal with the North Carolina School Fund Bill. He will give statistics as to the proportion of Taxes paid by the two races.

The Chicago Record and the Daily News are tabooed by the Chicago Federation of Labor nnd the Allied Printing Trades Council. These institutions have grievances against the dailies mentioned. They claim they are hostile to the working man.

The Freeman appreciated the invitation to attend the Mardi Gras and Masked Ball Carnival given at Houston, Texas, Feb., 14

Personal Mention.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

John Hines is very sick with la gripp and troubles. John Curtis Jr., of Muncie, spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Anna Vanmeter and friends. Miss Julia Martin and Fannie Hill of Edinburgh, drove from that city to see their friends and relatives on last Friday. Joseph and Samuel Robinson and Leonard Johnson went to New York, with a car load of poultry. Mrs. Samuel Robinson is a yearly subscriber to The Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Reed entertained their son James L. Reed and Miss Julia Johnson of Indianapolis, last Sunday. Rev. H. P. Parker delivered two very good sermons at the Second Baptist church on last Sunday. Johnie Dudley is improving rapidly from his spell of sickness. Mother Gray is convalscent. William Banks spent a day in Indianapolis, looking for a wife.

THE STAGE.

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At London Can. at the mansion of London's millionaire, Mr. P. H. McLeod, Messrs. Hampton & Johnson, Bethel, Cousin and Accoe, were royally entertained after the show and after supper was served we went in the smoking apartment and had the pleasure of smoking Mr. McLeod's favorite cigars which are made in England and cost $2.00 apiece and only ten in a box, which is very fine. Some of the boys kept their cigar as a souvenir—they come high but we had them just the same. After smoking we returned to the parlor where the valet took a flash light picture of us. After singing several selections we were escorted to the cab and on the way to the hotel the boys sang "We won't get home 'till morning.' Mr. McLeod is a retired professional and has several companies on the road.

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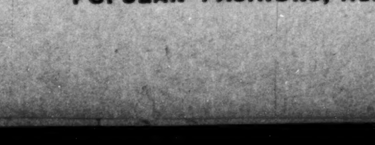

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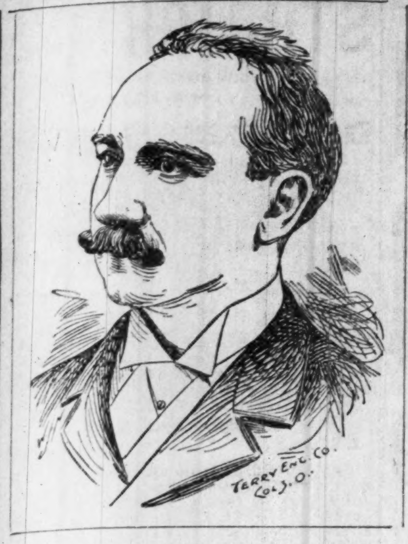

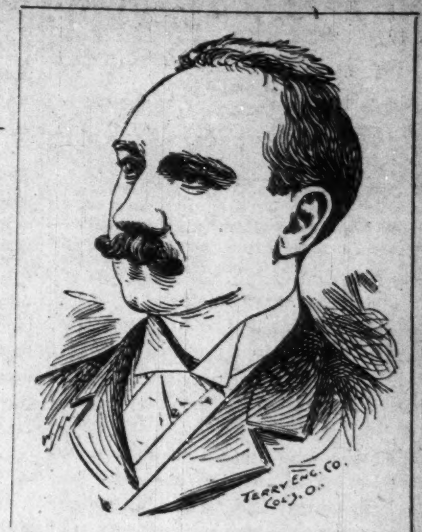

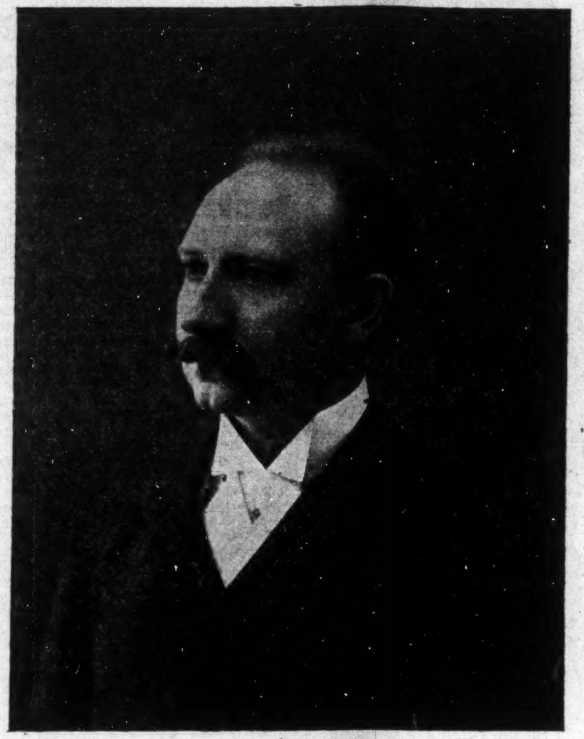

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ROUTE:

Black Patti Troubadours—San Jose, Cal., Feb. 27-28; Oakland, March 1-2; Stockton, 3., Fresno. 4.

Canadian Jubilee Singers & Imperial Orchestra.—Freeport, Ill., Feb. 25-26.

Cole & Johnson's "A Trip to Coontown"—Toledo, 23-25.

Georgia, Up-to-Date—Waseca, Minn., Feb. 25; Mankato, 27; St. Peter, 28; Rochester, March, 1.

Isham's Octoroons No. 1.—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 12-18; Louisville, 19-25

Isham's Octoroons, No. 2.—Booneville, N. Y., Feb., 25.

John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels—Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 27-March 1.

Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels.—Erie Pa., Feb. 18; Dunkirk N. Y. 20; Lockport, 21; Berlin, Canada, 25, Gullph, 27.

Richards, Pringles, Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival—Irontown, O., Feb. 20; Portsmouth, 21; Chillicothe, 22; Circleville, 23; Washington, C. H., 24; Springfield, 25. Urbana 27; Piqua, 28; Xenia, March, 1, Richmond, Ind

Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin (Western)—Jackson, Mich., Feb. 25-26

Thayer's Champion Cake Walkers and Minstrels—Red Bank, N. Jersey., Feb. 25.

William English is at Boston.

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Miss Sallie Lee is making a big hit singing "Kill It Babe."

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Tom Logan sends regards to Rabbit Reese and Laura Nixon.

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Among the late additions to "Darkest America" is Major Ben F. Payne. The Major since joining the company has been rehearsing the people of the show to put on a grand spectacular cake walk.

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John Larkin sends regards to Clarence Powell, H. S. Wooten and others.

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J. W. Simmons sends regards to Allie Brown, Wm. Malone and Ernest Hogan.

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Miss Lilly Garay is singing with great success "No Coon Can Come Too Black For Me."

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Sydney L. Perrin sends regards to High Diddy, Uncle Billy Kergee, Terry and Syndicate Craig.

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Bob Slater sends regards to Ernest Hogan and wants to hear from him through The Freeman.

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Tom Brown principal comedian with Cole & Johnson's "A Trip to Coontown" was a visitor among "the old folks at home" Wednesday.

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Miss Florence Henry and Gus Collins were married in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., on Dec. 27. Both are members of Stetson's Uncle Tom Cabin company.

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Prof. Henderson Smith, leader of the band with Jno. W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, rejoined the show at Terre Haute, Ind., after being ill for three weeks.

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Prof. Sol. White, of Columbus, O., who joined "Darkest America" temporarily during the illness of Prof. Henderson Smith, returns to his home to arrange matters for the tenting season.

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As we go to press we received the sad intelligence, from Mr. John H. Watts, of Lancaster, O., of the death of Prof. Frank N. Hailstock, jr., the well-known young orchestra leader, at his home in Akron, O., Feb. 20. A sketch of Mr. Hailstock will appear in our next issue.

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Major Ben F. Payne, George Bailey, Clifford Brooks, Lloyd Cooper, Charles Tyler, Angelo Houseley, Sol P. White and John Rucker members of John W. W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels also Herbert LaShe were Freeman callers last Sunday, while wating their train enroute to Middletown, their next engagement,

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Charles H. Moore sends regards to members of Black Patti Troubadonrs, Georgia Up-to-Date, Isham's Octoroons No. 1 and 2, John W. Vogel's Mastodons, South Before the War, Oliver Scott's Minstrels, Rickards & Pringle's, Thayer's Cake Walkers, Williams & Walker's, and all B. O. C. P.'s

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Bailey & Kirk, musical artists, with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Kirk returns to his home in Jacksonville, Ill., where he will work out a "hot" tramp musical single turn, and play dates. Mr. Angelo Housley, the celebrated euphonium soloist, has joined hands with Mr. Bailey and they will finish the contract this season.

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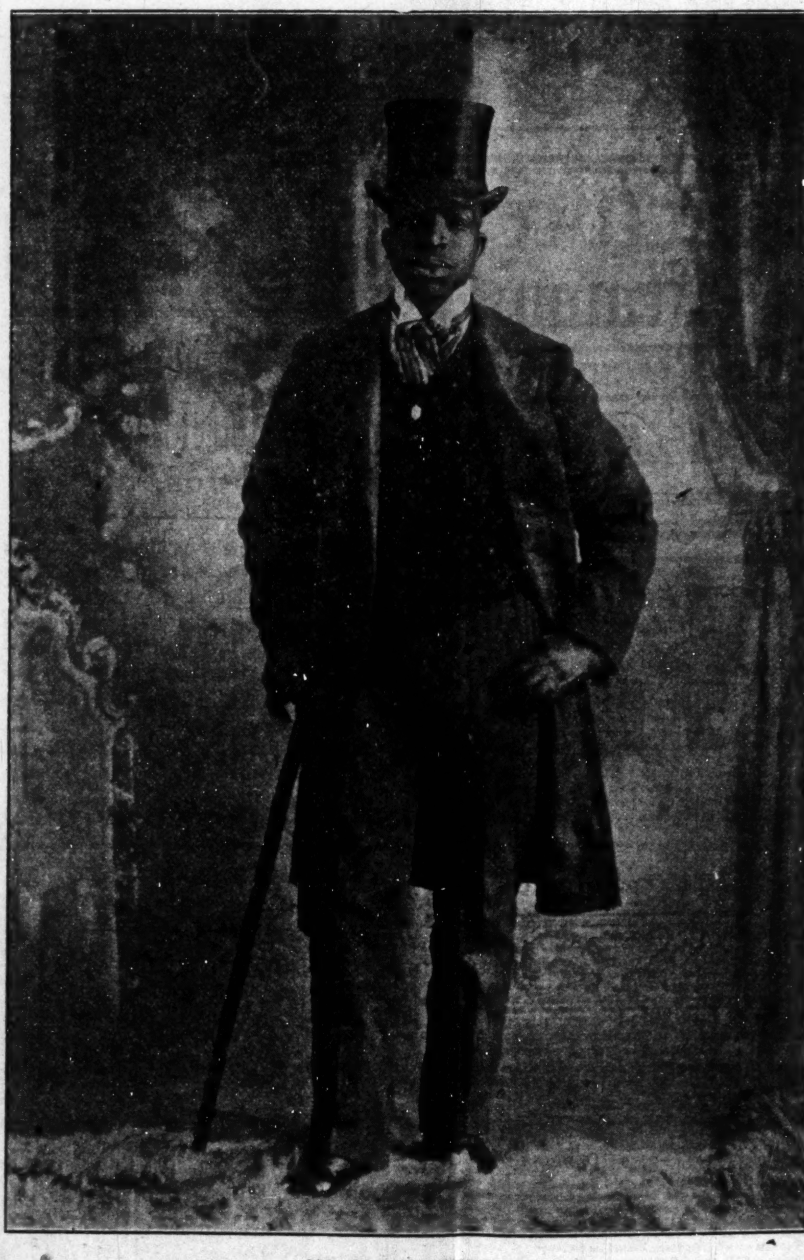
Nagol Mot sends the following from New York City: "Adgee and her trained lions are at Huber's museum this week. John and Ida Larkins open in Brooklyn this week and expect to play Koster and Bial's upon the termination of their present engagement. Hen Wise and Katie Milton have returned from a two-weeks' date with Graham's Specialty Company. The Imperial Quartette through Manager Pickett have signed contracts with the "Female Drummer Co.," for the summer season and season of 1899 and 1900. Billy Landers, an old New York favorite, has returned to Indianapolis. George R. Reese (Rabbit) of Thayer's cake walkers could not resist the temptation to pay us a brief visit last week, and rejoined the show at Patterson, N. J. James W. Moody has secured a diploma of the N. Y., Board of Medical Examiners and will practice in this city. The members of Williams & Walker's company were banqueted Tuesday evening by Manager Charles H. Moore of the Douglass club. Kennedy and Power's combination leave Feb. 28. Billy McClain, our Billy, accompanied by Madam Cordelia, returned to us last week. Everybody was glad to welcome the McClains home, especially the Buffaloes. Johnson and Dean are at Tony Pastor's. Jones, Grant and Jones are at Harlem music hall this week. Charles F. Alexander, musical director of Williams & Walker Co., will join the wedded state upon the return of the company in May. Lawrence Deas of Deas & Wilson, has not returned from Toronto and Jack is becoming anxious. Prof. Henry Ogden has accepted the position of pianist with the Broadway Garden orchestra. Miss Lily Edwards has cancelled engagements and will return from Sacramento, Cal., about March 1. Aaron Wheeler has recovered the use of his eyes and is open for dates. Bob Russell is at liberty. I wonder what has become of the threatened opposition to the B. O. C. P.? Moore Lodge No. 3, will move to their new hall about March 1. Willy Mack is on the sick list."



MR. JOHN RUCKER.

Well he is coming. Who? Why Uncle Amos Jackson, (John Rucker) he is with John W. Vogel's Combined Shows. So all de brothers and sisters prepare for I'se surely gwine to arrive dar in time wid de "Darkest America Show Company," Feb. 27-28, and March 1st. Uncle Amos is a town talk everywhere he speaks and has some brand new ideas to tell in his songs and sayings.

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The McClain Lodge, No. 1, B. O. of C. P. will have a special grand social session in Odd Fellows Hall, on Indiana avenue, Sunday evening, Feb. 27; in honor of Prof. Henderson Smith and other members of the order now with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels. A grand time is anticipated. All members of the order are earnestly requested to be present at the hall. Session will open promptly at 8 o'clock.

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Messrs. John Rucker and Will Lewis was more than royally entertained at Lexington, Ky., during the engagement of the Darkest America company recently, the occasion being a sumptuous feast, elaborately decorated with natural flowers. The gentlemen were wined and dined in the manner for a king. Those who were present was Miss Emma Bailey, Miss Anna McCann, Miss May and Al Hoskins, and Frank Walker. To much cannot be said in praise of the host and hostess—Mr. and Mrs. Dandridge. The time for departure arrived and Messrs. Rucker and Lewis bade adieu' and, as was the old custom. they left the premises they threw an old shoe after them for good luck.

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Mr. Robt. Leach, our representative Richard and Pringles Minstrels writes: 'We are again in the Buckeye State after playing the past two months in the sunny south and the sudden change of temperature caused considerable complaint among the members of the company. In fact Mr. W. A. Seymour closed with the company on that account (using Tio's words, this country was not made for him.) Mr. Sherman, formerly of the Octoroons joined us at Athens, Tenn. and occupies the middle. Mr. I. N. Smith has put on a new song "Sweet Savannah," which is a decided hit. Our chef Mr. Pate spent Sunday in Charleston. W. O. Terry, A. B. Stokes, J. W. Stokes, J. W. Simmons, J. W. Tooney and Robt. Leach visited Huntington, W. Va. Sunday the 19th. (Big Frost.) Mr. George, our porter who was injured in a recent wreck is rapidly improving but is as cruel as ever. H. S. Wooten is acting as master of beef during Mr. Pates absence.

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Skip Farrell our special representative sends the following notes from Stetson's Big Double Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.—"We have been making a tremendous hit through the state of Ind. playing to S. R. O. in every city. The Lone Star Quartette have been making a large success every evening. It is composed as follows: Billy Yeager, Chas. Smith, Dude Kelley and Gus Collins. The great female drum Corps is making great success under the leadership of Skip Farrell. The members are Misses Edna, King, A. Mitchell, F. Collins, M. Yeager, M. Mitchell, L. Harrison. Manager Billy Kibble is well pleased with all the colored members of the show. Miss Maud Frisby and Mr. Billy Yeager were married in Woster, Ohio, Jan. 26 1899 and started on the voyage of life with other benedicts in a sang froid manner. They send regards to all professional friends. Miss Edna King late of the Afro-American Specialty Co. recently joined at Lima, Ohio and is mystifying our large and apreciative admirers every night wiih her realistic male impersonations on the cake walk. The company is now on its way to Canada and expects the big "bis" to continue.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson sends the following from Oliver Scott's Big Minstrels: "Everything is moving along smoothly with the big show and all arrangements have been completed for our tour of Canada, which commences Feb. 23, when we open in Hamilton, Ont.; our tour will extend to Halifax, N. S., and Quebec. After six weeks in Canada we will return to the states and close our season about the 1st of May. Billy Miller made a flying trip to Pittsburg from New Castle, Pa., to visit his wife and mother. Fred W. Simpson has been on the sick list for several days. W. N. Spillier, tenor, is singing with great success, 'Waiting for Her Absent Boy.' During the illness and absence of Prof. F. M. Hailstock, Prof. R. N. Thompson is acting the capacity of orchestra leader and is filling the position to the satisfaction of the management. Prof Thompson has signed contract to lead the band next season with Scott's minstrels. The band will be a grand concert band of 30 pieces. Bob says he has not been presented with a baton yet, but will buy himself one. McCarver Brothers sends regards to all members of the B. O. C. P. and would especially like to hear from the secretary of the McClain Lodge No. 1.

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Pete G. Hampton sends the following from John W. Isham's Octoroon Co. No. 2:—"We are finishing our last week in Canada. Business has been good and every member of the company is well and glad two know we will be in the States soon. Miss Madah A. Hyer, prima donna, is singing three operatic selections. She posesses a rich soprano voice and uses it to great advantage, so says the Toronto World. Miss Blanche Dickerson is singing, "Kill it Babe" with great success. Miss Blanche Arlington, introduced Kerry Mills latest "Whistling Rufus" or the "One man band." It didn't take long for the audience to catch on and after she finished the second verse the audience whistled the chorus. She had to take five encores and still they whistled. Mr. Thomas Craig, New York's favorite basso is certainly a wonder. This is what the Montreal Canada News says; 'Mr. Thos. Craig is the posessor of a deep and resonant voice which was heard to good advantage in such selections as "Old Black Joe" and "Rocked in the cradle of the deep." Mr. Sam Cousin, monologue artist and comedian never fails to please the audience with his funny sayings and parodies which are up to date. The Mitchel's, the western wonders are introducing their latest comedy entitled "Can I Come In," in which Mr. Mitchel playing the part of the tramp acrobat and Miss Mitchell, the gay soubrette win round after round of applause, nightly. Miss Laura Moss is singing "Just one girl." She has a sweet soprano voice and her style and gestures allways please the audience. Mr. Tom Bethel is singing, "No Coon can come to black for me" with good effect Jefferson, Alston and Brown the ragtime trio are making a hit nightly in their Buck dancing contest.

(Con tinued on Fourth Page.)

THE FITTEST MEN.

ARE THOSE TO BE CHOSEN FOR THE A. M. E. BISHOPRIC

WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE WHO IS

Wanting!—Points of General Interest to be Considered—Men and Measures—Plotters and Plots go Down in the Onset—General Conference.

In the selection of men for the Episcopate of the A. M. E. church there is much more to be considered than mere personal sentiment and personal preference.

Delegates who are conscientious and who consider all sides of the question, will sometimes find their judgement and conscience forcing them to vote right against persons whom they like and for persons whom they do not like. Men who cannot do this are not fit to act as the representatives of the thousands who have to stay at home and who delegate their authority to a few.

The first thing to consider is the best interests of the church as a whole, which means the church throughout the United States, Canada, the West Indies and Africa. The close of the century finds African Methodism with a world wide and imperial domain with societies subject to the civil laws of republics, provinces colonies and usage of uncivilized tribes. The recent break made by Bishop Gaines shows the danger of exhalting narrow and ignorant men to an office the duty of which is to guard and to promote world wide interests.

The second thing to consider is the man. The first thing about the man to be considered is the breadth of his ideas, sympathies and knowledge. A man might be holy and yet not be able to hold a small charge but no man can lack breadth of ideas, sympathies and know ledge and be fit for the bishopric.

The second thing to consider about the man is his loyalty to the spirit, the present purposes, the future possibilities and the present discipline of the church.

The third thing to consider about the man is his ability and capacity. There are men who have not had a chance to develope great ability to execute general plans but who have shown great capacity to grow and to measure up to new demands. Bishop Grant is a man of this type and his steady growth is the marvel of the day. He seems to be able to fit himself for any task that comes. Bishop Gaines is of just the opposite type, he is still in spirit simply a Georgia presiding elder delighting in spanking his foes and giving plums to his flatterers. He still cherishes his old time spite against the great and lion-hearted Bradwell. He holds to all of his little ideas, little spites, little partialities and petty feelings and thus has time and again brought his high office into contempt.

Of course it is understood that christian character is a requisite for any office in the church of God. The third general thing to consider is the fair recognition of sections. The geographic distribution of the interests and problems of African Methodism demand that each peculiar section be represented among the Bishops.

Several splendid candidates may loom up in one state or section. In such cases it necessitates a selection of the one best fitted all around for the office. This includes both the man and the votes he can win abroad. It as foolish to stick to a splendid man who could not hope for votes away from home when a good man, not quite his equal, but still fit could command enough votes at large to secure representation for his state on the bench. J. M. Townsend is a good man as fit as any man in the field, yet every vote cast for him by the men of his locality is simply wasted, he cannot command enough votes away from home to stand a ghost of a show of winning. C. T. Shaffer is not as affable as L. J. Coppin but he can be elected if supported by his home men, Coppin could not. Many a man who likes the genial Dr. Coppin will vote for Dr. Shaffer simply because it is dictated by common-sense. C. L. Bradwell and W. D. Johnson loom up in Georgia, only one can be elected. Neither will be if Georgia comes up divided. One or the other must be chosen and supported by the men of that part of the church.

B. W. Roberts looms up in Texas for the Bishopric, Kealing for the Review, C. E. Taylor for the Southern Recorder and T. C. Dennam for financial secretary. Kealing is moving heaven and earth to cajol these men out of the field because his common-sense tells him they must be out of his way if he is to win. Those who want to defeat Kealing are seeking to find in Dr. Reynolds a candidate for the Christian Recorder. Dr. Reynolds is one of the best men of his church but has declined to run for any office except that of general conference secretary which he will certainly get.

Thus a year before the general conference sections must consider and settle their plans. Those sections which do this will be those which win. The men selected by the various sections soon get together and then the thing is practically done, the general conference vote is simply the confirmation. Tennessee has to choose between Tyree and Smith. Tyree is the local favorite but Smith is the best known generally. The patience with which he bore previons defeats, the earnest endeavors which he has made to overcome past faults, the broad interest which he shows in the connection, his great work for the church, the greatest of any one man African Methodism has ever produced, his vast knowledge of men and affairs, his staunch loyalty to his church through all of his ups and downs, all of these things render him one of the most fit men now being prominently mentioned. Tyree bases his campaign upon the fact that he is black and seeks to make men believe that those who oppose him do so because he is black. If this trick becomes widely known it will fail as the A. M. E. church knows no color.

A black, yellow, brown or fair man who seeks to make capital of complexion will go under. Tyree and H. T. Johnson have set out to work this racket. Parks won on it in '96 and some say he went into the deal with Tyree and Johnson but that was after Bishop Turner, Bishop Grant, Dr. Moore and a few others had given him a little talk, he dropped his fellow plotters and began to rely upon his merits. He is doing good work.

All our discussions of men will be regulated by these three rules, the church, the man, the section. As Africa and the mission points are now a part of the church no man who is not in sympathy with the work projected and the great aims of African Methodism is fit to be considered. As the scholarly Ransom has pointed out, the vast northwest must sooner or later become the asylum of thousands from the conjested population of southern states-men who like Flipper hate everything and fight everything that don't belong to Georgia are unfit for any office that is broad as the church. Such men fit best into local charges and presiding elder districts.

Men who do not read all of the church papers are by that very lacking shown to be narrow in their interests.

The A. M. E. church is a great big church and her Bishops must be men of great big minds and hearts. The A. M. E. church is now undertaking somethings that are actually great and to execute them, her Bishops must not only be big men but also great men. You watch this paper and you will know all that is worth knowing about each man who runs for the Bishodric.

JIM STRAIGHT.

General News.

Huntington, W. Va., Special.

Mrs. Annie Hughes, of 1211 Seventh Avenue, after spending several weeks enjoyment with her sister in Humbolt, Tenn., returned home Wednesday. Mrs. Other Jones, left for Charleston last week. Mr. Albert Goble, waiter at the Florentine hotel made a very pleasant trip to his home in Kentucky, the first of the week. John Braxton, private of the 10th W. Va. Volunteers which was mustered out in January, stopped over in this city a few days at Mrs. James Jacksons. Mr. O. B. Smith is very sick at his home on Artizan ave. Owing to the intense cold weather Sunday the churches were poorly attended. Rev. Steele and his workers are preparing a cantata to be given soon for the benefit of the church. Lew Finley fatally shot Bob Fitzgerald in a dispute Monday. Just how the dispute arose we have been unable to ascertain. Fitzgerald is expected to die at any moment. Mrs. Amanda Smith is improving. Mr. Hugh Hider's little boy Cliff was taken sick Saturday with pneumonia. Word was received here Monday morning to the effect that Willie Finley had been murdered in Zainesville, O. This is very startling as Willie is well known here and the people are mightily wrought up over it. When volunteers were called for Willie Finley left with the First W. Va. Volunteers (white) to wait upon the Captain. Last week his regiment was mustered out. The troops come home and when they got here Willie was missing. Telegram was received that he was killed. Last week owing to the cold weather the schools were dismissed. Rev. C. H. Payne D. D. of Montgomery, W. Va., the newly elected pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, will take charge in March. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Winston, the Hoosier Stars, of Indianapolis Ind. gave a rare musical entertainment at the First church, Monday to the delight of all present. We regret very much that a larger crowd wasn't out to hear them. After the musical part of the program he gave a lecture on the Loyal Legions of Labor an order which is spoken of highly by leading men. His lecture was pointed and good. He scored that class very severely who call themselves race men and yet will not support their own race journals and magazines.

Items of Interest.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Special.

The people of Maverick, County are a law abiding lot of citizens, they are always ready to protect the Afro-American citszen when in the right. Troop F., of the Tenth Cavalry, arrived in Eagle Pass on Thursday night from Alabama, Lieut. Whitehead in command. This is one of the troops which took such a prominent part in the battle of San Juan and rendered such timely and valuable aid to the Rough Riders. Their First Lieut. was killed during the rescue. The Third Texas Volunteers, whites, will be mustered out soon then Company F. of the Tenth will be in possession of Camp Eagle Pass. The Afro-American citizens and Odd Fellows of Eagle Pass tendered the Tenth a hearty welcome to the border. The la grippe is emptying many a chair here. Mr. Johnson of the Tenth Cavalry is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis. W. L. McCreary porter of the pay car of the F. C. I. M. and family are sick with la grippe. We had a light snow fall about 8 a. m., but the day promises to be fair. Mrs. J. R. Butler leaves to-day for Mexico to visit her husband who has a situation with the F. C. I. M.

Mr. Walter H. Page, of Boston, editor of the Atlantic Monthly, is to be the guest of Principal Booker T. Washington, at Tuskegee during some portion of February.

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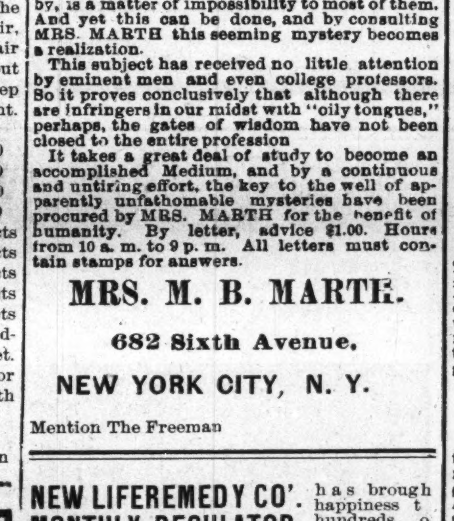

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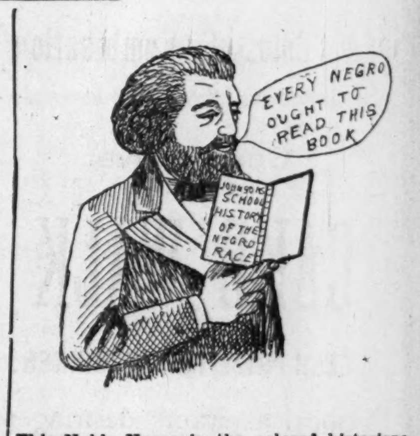

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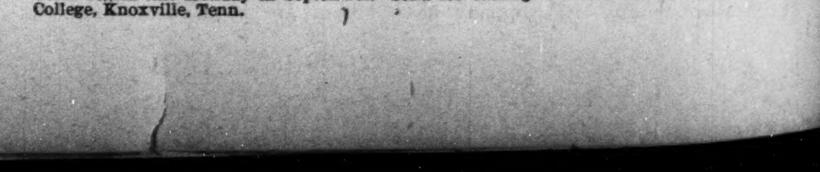

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The Animal Is All Eyes, Ears and Nose When Alive and All Fur When Dead—Its Capture Is Attended With Great Dangers and Hardships.

Fifty pounds sterling, or $250, per skin is not an unusually high average price to pay for the fur of the sea otter, and at fur sales in London a much higher price has often been asked and received. Much, of course, in the matter of price depends upon the condition and size of the skin. The animal when it is alive and wearing the fur itself is from three to five feet in length from nose to tail tip, though the skin lying upon it in loose folds, the actual "pelt," is of fair size.

Ever since Bering, sailing from Russia, discovered Alaska and found its natives clad in otter skin this fur has been the prime object of the pelt hunters' desire. Sable, marten, mink and even ermine can be trapped or shot without extraordinary trouble. Seals are driven inland like fools to be slaughtered and skinned at their captors' leisure. But the sea otter must be sought diligently as the diamond, for three centuries of experience have made him wise.

Upon the map of North America may be seen jutting from the southern corner of Alaska, which is the northwest corner of the continent, Aliaska, a peninsula, which breaks off into a chain of islands called the Aleutians. Just where the penins...a ends and the islands begin a point may be noticed marked Belkovsky.

This is the headquarters of the sea otter hunters, and between here and Chernaboor island to the south and Saanak island to the southwest the bulk of the sea otters are taken.

Thoroughly impressed with the value of his own skin, the sea otter takes care of it by living far away from the mainland, sleeping with one eye open, upon the floating weed beds or a sea washed reef exposed to the full fury of the north Pacific.

At the slightest sign of the approach of man he dives deep, and stays below for 20 minutes at a time.

Sometimes a stray otter may be shot from the land as he plays in the surf, but the chief methods of his capture are "the surround" and clubbing. In the former case a party of Aleutian islanders are conveyed to Saanak, there to encamp for two or three months.

Woe to the hunters if the wind be off the shore, for then no fire may be lit to make the beloved tea, no pipe of tobacco smoked, or the hope of a capture would be vain. For the otter is all eyes and ears and nose when alive; all fur when dead.

Upon a calm day the hunters paddle gently over the sea in their skin canoes, keeping an eager eye upon the rolling surf for a sign of the prey. A hunter sees an otter and makes a quiet signal to his mates. Like a flash the quarry has dived. Raising his oar aloft, the man who found the otter remains as a buoy above the place of the animal's disappearance, while his mates form in a huge circle with him in the center.

In 20 minutes, at most, the otter comes up again in sight of some of the canoe men. A frightful yell drives the poor brute below again before he has had time to fill his lungs. Shortly he is again seen, and the process repeated, till at length his body is so gas inflated that he cannot sink and falls a prey to the lucky hunter whose spear first pierces that too rich coat of his.

Luck varies, and the sea otter is yearly rarer and more shy, but, if fortunate, each hunter may have from two to five skins for the traders as the result of his three months' catch.

To be a successful hunter requires a Spartan scorn of comfort, huge patience, keenness of vision and readiness of resource, as well as great dexterity in the handling of a risky craft and an intimate knowledge of your quarry's habits which it requires a lifetime of observation under trying conditions to gain.

"The surround," then, is no joke, but clubbing next door to suicide. The hunters encamped upon Saanak have been for a day or two prevented by a howling gale from doing anything save sleep or smoke. One or two of the men, knowing, seemingly by instinct, that the gale has almost blown itself out, prepare for a clubbing expedition.

Should they in the dark and turmoil miss the islands some score of miles away they are carried out into the ocean and certain death. If, on the other hand, they make their haven, they land and creep, club in hand, over the rocky coast to the ocean swelled reef where the otters sleep.

The roar of the gale drowns the sound of their approach, and the poor otter is a mere "pelt" before he knows of his danger. Scores of otters have been killed in one night by a clubman or two. But otter clubbing is not a means of livelihood likely to become generally popular. —Chambers' Journal.

Chinese Boatwomen.

The boatwomen of China have no need to agitate for women's rights—they possess them. The boatwoman, whether she be a single woman or a wife or a widow, is the head of the house—that is to say, of the boat. If she is married, the husband takes the useful but subordinate place of deckhand or bow oarsman. She does the steering, makes bargains with the passengers, collects the money, buys supplies, and in general lords it over everything.—Keystone.

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AN ARTFUL GAME.

A Clever Swindle Which Was Successfully Worked In Paris.

Swindling is as monotonous as ethics or mathematics, and the various ways and means resorted to in the last decade of the nineteenth century for obtaining possession of other people's money were matters of common knowledge in the Egypt of Rameses the Great. But the Parisian police now affirm that a new departure has been made on the banks of the Seine. And this is how it was worked:

An office was hired in a good business street by the inventor of the trick, who assumed the title of somebody and company, chemical agents. Being convinced advocates of women's rights, they employed some members of the fair sex, who dressed in the height of fashion, used the most fashionable perfumes and then visited singly the best apothecaries' shop. One of these fair, false emissaries would stop her cab at the chemists, come in and, taking out her purse, ask for another bottle of Dr. Beaumont's elixir. "Dr. Beaumont's what?" said the young man behind the counter. "The elixir. Don't you know?" "No; I am afraid I never heard of it." "Oh, how tiresome, and my poor rheumatic husband will be so disappointed! Are you sure it was not here that our servant bought it before?" "No, madame; it was not here. Where is it sold wholesale?" "It is sold wholesale, I think"— And here the lady showed the ticket on the bottle. "It costs 8 francs."

That same day the chemist bought the elixir wholesale, laying in a fair stock of it, and meanwhile many of the confreres were doing likewise. But, as nobody called any more on the obliging chemists to buy the elixir, one of the curious confraternity analyzed this specific which was supposed to relieve rheumatics. He found that it was at least perfectly harmless, consisting of water colored by coffee grounds. The police were then let loose upon the ladies and the chemical agents, but they had all moved on, leaving no address. They are said to have netted about 10,000 francs by the trick.—London Telegraph.

THE BEDOUIN.

How This True Child of the Desert Goes Through Life.

How dreamily that Bedouin life, with its uneventfulness and its fatalism, fitted the time and the place! Here was a poor Arab who did not know how old he was, but he could look farther into heaven than I could. His mother had borne him while the caravan was on its way to Mecca. He had worked as a laborer on the Suez canal, and he had been a dog knacker in Constantinople before that. He had gone hungry in the wadies of Idumæa, and had run as a cameleer barefoot in the burning sands of Arabia Petræa. He had vegetated into manhood on the lower stratum of this strange oriental existence, content to believe that life was an unavoidable curse, with a drowsy intimation of eternity in it, always associated with the tinkling of bells, the rattle of castanets and the sweet smell of Beirut tobacco.

But he could see some things that were beyond my vision, and I wondered if this true child of the desert, born under indigo skies, of a race that had been guided since the days of Moses and Menephtah by the pillars of fire by night, had not preserved some powers of vision that were common to the primeval man. He never lost the true oriental disdain for enterprise and contemporaneous disturbance, and he made an engineer feel that his work, seen in the light of the unperturbed stars, was, after all, an impertinence to a true pariah.—"Ghosts In Jerusalem," by A. C. Wheeler, in Harper's Magazine.

Fooled by a Gas Machine.

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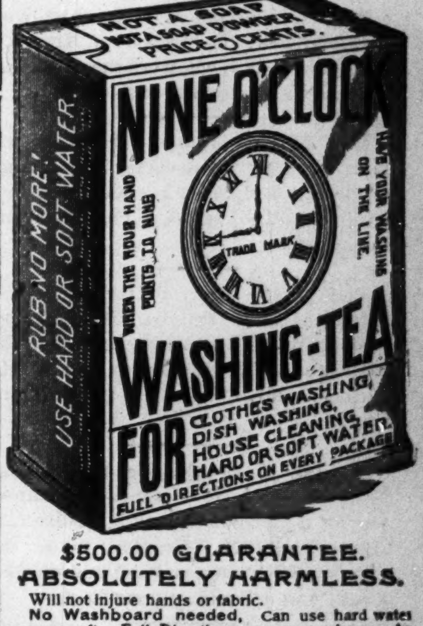

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Rev. M. V. Saunders of Knightstown, Ind., and Rev. R Lafayette King, D. D., of Clarinda Iowa, were the guest of Rev. A. L. Murray the past week.

Miss Maggie Foree celebrated her 19th, birthday anniversary by giving an elegant darty at the residence of her parents 320 Bird strest, Thursday evening Feb. 16.

The Mystic Club will give a grand Soiree at Odd Fellows Hall Friday evenieg March 3 under the personal direction of Mr. J. H. Broyles and W. H. Jackson. Mr. Fred Lewis is floor manager.

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PASTRY.

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Sunday Feb. 26, at 2:30 p. m., will be held our second quarterly meeting, at which time Rev. A. L. Murray will preach the sacremental sermon. Bishop G. W. Clinton, will preach at 8 p. m. We will also have with us presiding elder Y. Carr. Rev. Alonzo Scott the noted evangelist who will conduct a series of ten days meetings, begining Sunday night. All pastors and their congregations are invited to be present. The Y. P. C. E. will hold a praise meeting Sunday night from 7 to 8 p. m., at which time the society will hold its second anniversary. All friends are invited.

THE ORIGINAL.

Unless an article be of special value, it cannot be continuously advertised to the public successfully. The very fact that the business of the Ozouized Ox Marrow Co., is increasing every year, proves that those who have used their preparation find it to do the work claimed for it, and thus believing in it continue to use it and recommend it. The readers of this paper have had placed before them for many years the advertisement of Ozonized Ox Marrow. The many testimonials received show that this wonderful pomade is the safest preparaiion and also a favorite toilet neccssity for ladies and gentlemen that will make dry hair soft, straighten out all the kinks and knots, and make it pliable and silky. By nourishing the roots it thus imparts new life and vigor, often restoring grey hair to its natural color and starting new growth. Send 50 cents to the Ozonized Ox Marrow Co., 15 Washington street, Chicago for a bottle of Ozonized Ox Marrow and you will never regret it.

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Notes of Interest.

Springfield, O., Special.

The revival services closed at all the churches. Rev. Eaton of St. John's church delived a special sermon to the Y. M. C. A., Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Mayme Robbins rendered a violin solo at St. John's church last Sunday evening. Major Young, Lieut. Ballard, Mr. Burris of Wilberforce University were in the city and spent Sunday the guest of Miss Gussie Banks, and Etta Stephenson. Mrs. Bowser, Matron of the university accompanied by Mrs young were the guest of the formers sister Mrs. Banks of Winter street over Sunday. Mr. Willis was buried from Second Baptist chnrch Monday afternoon. The Second Baptist church gave a reception in honor of the Ninth Battalion last Tuesday evening. A Kentucky Oyster supper was given at Mrs. Coates Wednesday afternoon for the benefit of North street A. M. E. church.

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OLD DUELING RULES.

"MUCH USEFUL ADVICE" FROM AN ANCIENT BOOK.

If the Combatant Dies as a Result of the Encounter, He Is Told to Go Off With as Good Grace as Possible. Irishmen Not Good Seconds.

To Englishmen dueling is happily a lost art, but three-quarters of a century ago dueling was sufficiently in vogue to induce an anonymous writer to publish a book "containing much useful information," ironically dedicated to Daniel O'Connell, Esq., M. P., and James Silk Buckingham, Esq., M. P., as "entertaining the opinion first promulgated by the immortal Falstaff of happy memory that discretion is the better part of valor."

The author advises "all my countrymen who go abroad to use the pistol instead of the sword when they have the choice of the weapon, as the balance of killed and wounded is now much in favor of the French, who, upon the termination of the late war, amused themselves by occasionally spitting some half dozen of our traveling young fashionables before breakfast." He recommends "Purdey, in Oxford street, as the maker of the best dueling pistol locks," care in the selection of a stock which fits the hand comfortably and to eschew "saw handles." Barrels should be ten inches long and half rifled, which, considering that throughout his volume he poses as a man of the strictest honor, is puzzling, for he admits that a wholly rifled pistol is considered an unfair weapon, therefore one not appearing to be rifled should be substituted.

On "the chances" he writes: "Many a poor, long armed, straggling fellow has received the coup di (sic) cœur (or fatal stroke) who might still have been in existence had he known how to protect his person in the field," the necessary protection consisting in standing sideways and drawing in the stomach. "Should the party be hit"—presumably because he could not draw in his stomach—"he must not feel alarmed." This seems difficult, as a man with a bullet in his stomach can hardly be expected not to display some little natural anxiety, for, as is admitted later, "a shot in the digestive organs must be particularly annoying to a bon vivant." To aldermen his advice is "the old method of fighting—the back to the adversary and discharging over the shoulder." "The chances of a man's being killed are about 14 to 1, and of his being hit about 6 to 1." He arrives at this conclusion by dividing a man's body, when opposed to his adversary, into nine parts. Therefore he says, "As in only three of these a wound would prove mortal, the chances are 3 to 1 against his being killed, and 5 to 1 against his being hit—that is, however," he hastens to add, "provided his antagonist has never read my work. If he has, the case may be different!"

The combatant is told "not to allow the idea of becoming a target to make him uneasy, but to treat the matter jocosely." He is to laugh away the evening over a bottle of port, and play a rubber of whist, but he must avoid drinking to excess, or taking "any food that tends to create bile," because "bilious objects are not seen either distinctly or correctly." This would rather be a valid reason for getting as bilious as possible. A man with an attack of jaundice should be invisible, and able to blaze at his antagonist in perfect safety. If he cannot sleep on retiring to rest, he is to read Byron's "Childe Harold." His servant is to call him at 5 and give him a strong cup of coffee. Then he is to smoke a cigar, and "on his way to the scene of action" he is to take a brandy and soda, as a most "grateful stimulant and corrective."

No wonder our author recommends him at this point to draw in his stomach. "If he dies, he is to go off with as good grace as possible!" On the other hand, if he hits his antagonist, he is to take off his hat to him and express regret.

A challenge is not to be in rhyme, such as "a certain poetical, brandy loving major general of marines" wrote to a brother officer who ran off with his wife:

Wounds on the flesh a surgeon's skill may heal,
But wounded honor's only cured with steel.

An Irishman is not to be chosen as second, for nine out of ten have such an innate love of fighting they cannot bring an affair to an amicable adjustment, and the first duty of a second is to prevent the affair coming to a serious issue. Other advice is for the second to take care his principal is not inconvenienced by the sun, and to get his antagonist with something dark behind him, when it will be much more easy to hit him.

As may be inferred, the author holds by dueling, for "the man who falls in a duel and the individual who is killed by the overturn of a stagecoach are both unfortunate victims to a practice from which we derive great advantages. It would be absurd to prohibit stage traveling because occasionally a few lives are lost by an overturn, and unless men endeavored to destroy each other they might live to a patriarchal age and multiply so rapidly that the soil would soon be insufficient to supply them with nourishment," with which reductio ad absurdum the volume may well be put back on the shelf. —Navy and Army Illustrated.

A Double Headed Bull.

On the occasion of a public reception at Napier, Australia, the school children of the town, after being duly complimented by his excellency from County Tyrone on the hearty manner in which they had rendered the national anthem, were solemnly assured that if they put their shoulders to the wheel they would be sure to reach the top of the tree! Upon which a compatriot turned to me and said, "Sure, it was an 'axletree he meant, bedad."—Spectator.

A SONG.

Ah, what is better than this, my dear,
What is better than this?
The thought of a night which has lost its way
Between tomorrow and yesterday;
The full of the tide and the gray of the sea,
And a gull that circleth endlessly;
The breath from a wind which bloweth well;
A sail that hasteth new ports to tell;
If aught is better than this, my dear,
I find it not here, I find it not here.
—Blanche Trask in "The Land of Sunshine."

JUST A CURTAIN FIRE.

It Was In a Girls' Boarding School and Did Complicated Damage.

A fire in a skyscraper may be thrilling, but for dramatic episodes and unexpected complications a fire in a girls' boarding school surpasses it. The boarding school fire is usually what is known among insurance men as a curtain fire, but a curtain fire in a girls' school is more exciting and causes more casualties than an ordinary blaze anywhere else.

One evening last week two girls, who occupy a microscopic hall bedroom in a swell up town school, took the globes off the gas fixtures for hair curling purposes and left them off, because it was easier to do that than to put them on again. Then the girls raised the window a trifle in order to cool the room and dutifully sat down to write home letters. The inevitable happened, and when girl number one poised her pen in the air and glanced around the room in search of inspiration she saw the curtains in a blaze. She screamed. Girl number two looked around and echoed the scream. Then, with promptitude and discretion, both girls fainted. The screams had attracted the attention of the other girls, who rushed to the scene and then did various and sundry stunts, according to their several dispositions. One fainted, several wept, a few ran out of the house, and the rest shouted for the one man on the premises.

When he arrived, things looked rather hopeless. Curtains and woodwork were blazing finely. The floor was littered with prostrate forms, and when three girls have fainted on the floor of a hall bedroom there isn't much space in the room for promenading. The man picked his way across the prostrate forms and ordered all the girls who were not in a dead faint to leave the room, but they didn't go until he lost his temper and spoke with a force which isn't common in boarding school circles. Then they fled; but, unluckily, there was an enemy in the rear. A vigorous and practical woman from Texas had been inspired to go after some water. Returning in mad haste with a large pitcherful of water borne triumphantly aloft, she collided with the retreating forces at the door. The pitcher struck the leader of the retreat squarely in the face and knocked out two of her front teeth, whereupon the injured girl made the fainting trio a quartet and the water carrier dropped her pitcher and went into violent hysterics.

Hysteria, as boarding school teachers know to their sorrow, is contagious, and the one case touched off the crowd. By the time teachers arrived upon the scene the fire was out, but the survivors were in a bad way. It was necessary to put nine-tenths of the school to bed and order wholesale doses of bromide. Even now the girls insist that they haven't recovered from the shock sufficiently to do hard studying, and the victims of the water pitcher are both under the care of trained nurses. As for the man, he gave up his place the next day and confided to the cook that he was going to look for a job in a lunatic asylum, where his boarding school experience would be of value to him.—New York Sun.

English Penny Novels.

Penny novelettes differ from one another in externals rather than in internals. The get up of the better sort is neat and attractive. The type is clear, and the covers might even be called "artistic" in the catholic sense of the term. The inferior kinds are indifferently printed "on gray paper with blunt type," and there are many degrees of excellence between the two extremes. All except one have illustrations ranging from the rudest of woodcuts to the smudgiest of "process" plates. Of course the artist selects the most sensational incidents for his pencil to adorn. The stabbing of the heroine's father by the villain disguised as the hero, the kidnaping of the heroine by Black Tom and his gang of gypsies at the instigation of her jealous rival, the horsewhipping of the villain by the hero in "faultless" evening dress—these and their like naturally present themselves as thoroughly suitable and congenial subjects.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Malicious Interference.

"I'll get even with that printer," said the editor of the Plunkville Bugle, "if it takes me the rest of my life."

"What printer?" asked his friend.

"That tramp I took on while my wife was visiting her mother. I got a $10 write up out of old Hiker, who is laying his pipes for the senatorship, and I said that some day his little son would make as big a mark as his father, and that villain fixed it that the young 'un would 'be' as big a mark, etc."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Useless Wish.

"Oh," sighed the poetic lady, "had I the wings of a bird!"

"Don't!" protested her husband. "Don't wish for the wings of a bird. If you had them, some other woman would probably be wearing them on her hat before the season is over."—Washington Star.

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